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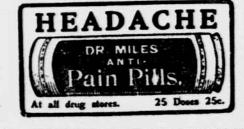
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Incident Yesterday in Which Lieut Cooper Played a Part.

it is alleged, that Lleut. Harry Cooper of the Porto Rican Battalion assaulted First Lieut. N. R. Evans of the Americus Club of Pittsburg with his sword. According to the story the Americus Club was coming up the avenue while the Porto Rican Bat-talion was drawn up on one side awaiting the passing of the presidential party. Just as the Americus Club men reached the front of the Porto Rican Battalion the ommanding officer of the latter organization gave the order to move forward. The was that the Pittsburgers were badly jostled and both lines were thrown into temporary confusion. In trying to straighten out matters Lieut, Evans of the Americus Club and Lieut. Cooper of the Cooper Played a Part.

The Porto Rican battallon left here this morning by special train for New York, where they will embark on the transport Sedgerick tomorrow for San Juan. So as surfeced no unusual disconforts on account of the parade Major Walker, commanding the program in this city, being in the line from the program in this city, being in the line from the san during war of the reduction of the program in this city, being in the line from the san during war of the reduction of the program in this city, being in the line from the program in this city, being in the line from the san during war of the program in this city, being in the line from the san during the line for a san during the line for the contrast of the san during the country of the contrast of the country of the the sand district of the line from the National Republican of the Part of the National Republican of the Part of the National Republican of the National Republican of the Part of the National Republican of the National Republican of the Part of the National Republican of the Natio Porto Ricans got into an angry discussion,

#### LOCAL BILLS PASSED

District Measures Enacted at the Recent Session.

While the session of Congress that is now closing left many things undone that it should have done for the advancement of the national capital, yet it very effectively advanced many projects for the improvement of the District of Columbia. The steam railroad question has been solved and provision made for doing away with grade crossings and providing terminal facilities for the railroads that will be ample for many years. Very great advance has been made in the sewer and water systems, and the project for filtering Potomac water has been placed on a sound basis, with half a million of dollars to continue the work during the coming fiscal year. For the completion of the Washington aqueduct tunnel and Howard University reservoir \$162,222 have been appropriated. The following provision has been made for the extension of the sewer system: Main and pipe sewers and receiving basins, \$50,000; suburban sewers, \$50,000; continuing Arizona avenue sewer, \$55,000; extension boundary sewer, \$100,000; intercepting sewers, \$66,000; main sewer, \$25,000; sewage disposal numbring station \$275. sewage disposal pumping station, \$375,-000. The Commissioners are authorized to contract for completing the building and machinery immediately necessary at a cost not to exceed \$750,000. For low area trunk sewers \$60,000 was appropriated. For the public library \$5,000 was appropriated for purchase of books, and it is ex-

pected that at the next session of Congress an appropriation will be given that will permit a creditable showing of books when the new library building is opened. A new morgue, which has long been needed, was provided for, to be located on the water front, at a cost of \$15,000.

The preparation of plans for a municipal

hospital was authorized. Bridges Over Rock Creek.

For completing the bridge across Rock creek on the line of Massachusetts aveue extended \$50,000 was allowed, as was \$75,000 toward the construction of the bridge across Rock creek on the line of Conhecticut avenue extended.

Provision was made to have a suitable place of detention for children and women ing any investigation by the police, \$8,000 The appropriation for Rock Creek Park

of \$37,500 will provide for the care of the park and permit some improvements to be made. For continuing the construction of roads, etc., in National Zoological Park

Workhouse and Almshouse. For building the workhouse for males \$50,000 was appropriated, with provision that that amount should complete the structure, the entire cost of which is so limited to \$150,000.

The purchase of a site for a municipal almshouse, at a cost of \$25,000, was authorized, as was the preparation of plans for a suitable almshouse building not to cost more than \$125,000. The Secretary of Agriculture was authorized to have made plans for a fire-istant time, to the many handsome public buildings of this city. Although the river and harbor bill failed carrying appropriations for the Potomac and Anacostia rivers, yet for continuing the improvement of the former river below

the improvement of the former five both this city \$98,000 was appropriated. A \$50,000 power house and nurses' home was provided for Providence Hospi al. As is always the case, most of the important legislation for the District of Columbia was contained in appropriation bills.

Among other laws enacted by the second session of the Fifty-sixth Congress that are of especial interest to the people of the District are the following:

Local Bills Passed.

In relation to the celebration of the centennial of the establishment of the permanent seat of government in the District of

To provide for the closing of part of an alley in square 169, and its sale to the Young Men's Christian Association.

To amend the criminal laws of the Dis-Providing for leaves of absence for employes of navy yards, gun factories, naval stations and arsenals of the United States.

To amend the act incorporating the Ma-sonic Mutual Relief Association. To reincorporate the German Orphan To enable the directors of Providence Hos-

pital to increase the accommodations of the institution. To authorize advances from the treasury for the support of the government of the District of Columbia.

To provide for eliminating grade crossings on the line of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company.

To provide for elimination of certain

grade crossings and to require the con-struction of new terminals and tracks for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad in the District of Columbia.

To regulate assessments for watermains.
For the preparation of plans or designs for a memorial or statue of General U. S. Grant in the District of Columbia. To incorporate the National Society of United States Daughters of 1812.

To supplement the act incorporating the reform school for girls.

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to sell lot 10, square 1041, to perfect a

Relating to the metropolitan police. To permit burials in the lands of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation.

To permit relocation of tracks in the middle of Bunker Hill road, or Wisconsin ave-

Relieving the devisees of Casper Barber and their assigns from the operation of the act restricting the ownership of real estate in the District of Columbia to American

For the protection of fish, game and birds in the District of Columbia. To incorporate the Society of American Florists and Ornamental Horticulturists in the District of Columbia.

To amend an act conferring on the Su-

preme Court of the District of Columbia jurisdiction to take proof of the execution of wills affecting real estate. Joint Resolutions.

Extending the time in which the Washington and Gettysburg and the Columbia Railway Companies may make extensions authorized by law. Regulating licenses to proprietors of thes ters in the District of Columbia.

Remained on the Senate Calendar. The following bills remained on the Senate calendar at the close of the session: S. 851-A bill to redeem certain outstanding certificates of the board of audit of the District of Columbia; S. 1027-A bill for the transformation of the inner basin of the Potomac flats into a public bathing pool; S. J. R. 139-Joint resolution to provide a commission to consider certain improve-ments in the District of Columbia; S. 2808— A bill for the increase of the salaries of the justices of the courts of the District of Columbia; S. 187—A bill for the relief of William J. Murtagh, late proprietor of the National Republican of Washington,

proved January 25, 1898; S. 5797—A bill to widen the Anacostia road in the District of Columbia; H. R. 13968—An act to waive and release all claims of the United States by way of escheat to real estate in the District of Columbia which Patrick Kavanagh or his son, Charles W. Kavanagh, died seized; S. 8061—A bill to authorize the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to decree the sale or lease of real estate in certain cases; S. 3219—A bill for the protection of subsurface pipes, cables, wires and all other metallic construction in the District of Columbia from danger by electrolysis, and for other purposes; H. R. 13689—For the relief of George W. King; H. R. 13453—To widen the Anacostia road in the District of Columbia; H. R. 13783—Relating to the Washprovision for Bridges Over Rock

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C to regulate electric wiring in the District of Columbia: S. 4425-A bill to regulate the practice of homeopathic pharmacy in the District of Columbia; S. 4192—A bill in relation to the Police Court of the District of Columbia; S. 121—A bill to exempt from taxation certain property of the Young Men's Christian Association of Washington, D. C.

Bills remaining on the calendar of the committee on the District of Columbia at the close of Congress: Senate Bills. S. 34-For the further prevention of cruelty to animals; 8. 65-For the relief of Priscilla J. Shipman, administratrix of the estate of John J. Shipman, deceased, for work done and ma-Shipman, deceased, for work done and materials furnished to the District of Columbia; S. 109—For the extension of Le Droit avenue and S street northwest; S. 114—Regavenue and S street northwest; S. 114-1165
ulating the exemption of church and school
property; S. 118-For the extension of Wyoming avenue; S. 120-For the extension of
Kalorama avenue; S. 131-Concerning land
titles; S. 132-To provide for the appointment of a collector of fines in the Police
Court S. 123 Politicate the pages of Court; S. 1391—Relating to the names of streets; S. 1708—To confirm title to lot 1, in square 1113; S. 1762—For the extension of 17th street to the Walbridge subdivision of Ingleside; S. 1916—For the extension of 5th street northwest, in Takoma Park; S. 1944— To widen 15th street, or Columbia avenue; S. 2002-For the extension of Bacon street; S. 2010—To amend section 11 of the act approved March 3, 1877, regulating the taxation of corporations in the District of Co-lumbia; S. 2098-To prevent cruelty to certain animals; S. 2230-Requiring street rall-ways operated in the District of Columbia to provide protection for motormen and car drivers from the inclemencies of the weather between November 1 and April 1 of each year; S. 2265—For the extension of Vermont avenue; S. 2440—To regulate the running of street cars; S. 2504—For the relief of Holy Cross College; S. 2533-To restrict grounds of divorce and improve the procedure in the of divorce and improve the procedure in the District of Columbia and the territories and for other purposes; S. 2551—For the establishment of an inebriate asylum; S. 2309—To transfer certain old records of the city of Washington from the custody of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to that of the chief of engineers. United States that of the chief of engineers, United States army; S. 2671-For the relief of Lloyd W. Emmart; S. 2678-To incorporate the East Washington and Bennings Railway Company; S. 2714—For the extension of M street northeast; S. 2725—To transfer certain old records of the city of Washington from the custody of the chief of engineers, United States army, to that of the surveyor of the city of Washington, D. C.; S. 2791—Authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to permit the Bacheller Pneumatic Tube Company to construct a pneumatic tube between the government printing office and the Capitol; S. 2964—For widening and extending Warder avenue, opening a highway through Whitney Close, along Soldiers' Home grounds; S. 3009—To regulate electrical wither, S. 2022. Author regulate electrical wiring; S. 3023—Author-izing the Commissioners to convey a cer-tain parcel of land in the District to Lewis Tillman, trustee; S. 3100—To provide for the removal of snow and ice from side-walks; S. 3120—Creating a commission for the condemnation of insanitary buildings; S. 3169-To regulate electrical wiring; S. 3278—To authorize the laying and maintain-ing of a pneumatic tube system between proof administrative building, which action will probably result in an addition, at no fice; S. 3297—For the extension of 8th street northeast; S. 3411-To provide for the re-moval of overhead telegraph and telephone wires for the construction of conduits; S. 3424—For the regulation of scientific experiments upon human beings; S. 3425-To incor-porate the Columbia Telephone Company; S. 3426-To regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors; S. 3444-Authorizing the President of the United States to appoint a rail-road commission, with authority to construct union tracks, depots, terminals and union bridges, to be used by the steam railroads now entering and which may here-after enter the District of Columbia, and for abolishing grade crossings and the removal from the public grounds of all ex-isting railroad tracks, stations and freight yards within the District; S. 3518-F bhibit-inb bone or fertilizing factories to be operated in the District of Columbia; S. 3556-To establish a board of plumbing; S. 3558-To amend an act to change the proceedings for admission to the Government Hospital for the Insane; S. 3917—Providing for the improvement of the navy yard bridge; S. 3957—To establish a court of probate and divorce; S. 3987—To create a permanent commission for condemnation proceedings; S. 4008—To incorporate the District Patrol and Alarm Company; S. 4089-To establish a representative form of government; S. 4549—For the relief of Emmart, Dunbar & Co.; S. 4803—To require cases of typhoid fever occurring in the District to be reported to the health department; S. 5195—

> Fire Insurance Company; S. 5606—For the extension of 17th street to the Walbridge subdivision of Ingleside; S. 5686—For lighting suburban streets by the electric railway

> appertaining to the Probate Court; S. 5268-To provide for the rebuilding of the Aque-

duct bridge; S. 5270-To amend the act to

House Bills. H. R. 2758-For the relief of the estate of William B. Todd, deceased; H. R. 4604-To amend the charter of the East Washington Heights Traction Company; H. R. 5140 -To confirm title to lot 1, square 1113; H. R. 5297-To authorize aliens to dispose of real estate holdings; H. R. 7502-To incorporate the Wesley Heights Railway Company; H. R. 8532-To quitclaim all interest of the United States in lot 4, square 1113, to Wm. H. Dix; H. R. 9143—To authorize the formation of guaranty companies; H. R. 9283-To regulate insurance; H. R. 13607-To provide additional force at the workhouse and Senate Resolutions.

S. R. 84-To enlarge the powers of the

United States Postal Printing Telegraph Company; S. R. 101-To authorize the Commissioners to dispose of the Force school property, on Massachusetts avenue and to obtain another site for that school; S. R. 139-To provide a commission to consider certain improvements; IN THE HOUSE.

The House District committee has been busy during the session just closed and has done a great deal of work within the limited time of the short session. The meetings of the committee have been unusually well attended this session, and not once has an adjournment been necessary for lack of a

quorum, members manifesting more that ordinary interest in the work. Citizens having business with the committee have received considerate attention from the clerk, Mr. Harry W. Barney, and his assistants,

mained on the calendar of the House at the close of the Congress:

H. R. 13949—To provide for laying a single electric rallway track on the Aqueduct bridge, in District of Columbia, and for other purposes; H. R. 11089—For the relief of George W. King; H. R. 13453—To widen the Anacostia road in the District of Columbia; H. R. 13783—Relating to the Wasnington Gas Light Company; H. R. 13108—To amend "An act to regulate gas works:" H. R. 13254—For the reduction of interest penalties on arrears of taxes and special assessments in the District of Columbia; H. R. 14289—To author ze the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia; the District of Columbia to decree the phone companies operating in the District of Columbia; H. R. 5273-To require street railway companies operating cars, cable, o other cars propelled by steam, cable or elec-tricity, in the District of Columbia to protect certain of their employes from the in-clemency of the weather during certain months of the year, and providing punish-ment for violations thereof.

Not Reached by Committee. The following bills were not reached by the committee and remained pending at adjournment: H. R. 978-For the extension of Le Droit avenue and S street; H. R. 1045-Authorizing the extension of Wyoming avenue; H. R. 1046-Authorizing the extension of Kalorama avenue; H. R. 1113-To restore justice of peace in District of Columbia; H. R. 2545—For the extension of New Hampshire avenue; H. R. 2758—For the relief of the William B. Todd estate; H. R. 2798—To incorporate the Columbia Telephone Company; H. R. 2944-To permit the Washington Telephone and Telegraph Company to operate in District of Columbia H. R. 3086-To redeem certain outstanding certificates of the District of Columbia board of audit; H. R. 3342-To open a street through block 205, from 14th to 15th streets northwest; H. R. 3343—To regulate and fix hours of service for policemen and fire-men in District of Columbia; H. R. 4347— To provide for education of the blind; H. R. 4921—Authorizing Falls Church and Potomac Rallway Company to enter the District of Columbia; H. R. 5041-For the extension of 17th street to the Walbridge subdivision of Ingleside; H. R. 5043-To transfer certain old records of the city of Washington from the custody of the Commissioners of District of Columbia to the chief of engineers, United States army; H. R. 5045—To amend charters of Washington Gas Light Company and Georgetown Gas Light Company; H. R. 5291—To validate deeds in District of Columbia; H. R. 5477— To regulate fares on street cars in District of Columbia; H. R. 5492—For the extension of Bacon street; H. R. 5501—For the extension of Vermont avenue; H. R. 5777—Creston of Vermont av ating a permanent board for the opening of streets; H. R. 5787-For the extension of 5th street northwest in Takoma Park: H. R. 5757—To provide for the construction and operation of certain public improvements in District of Columbia; H. R. 6266-For the relief of certain holders of District of Columbia tax sale certificates; H. R. 6274—For the relief of Oliver McIlhenny; H. R. 6293— For the relief of Lloyd Emmert; H. R. 6773 -For the extension of Welling place; H. R. 7018-Authorizing the Commissioners to en-ter into contract for collection and disposal of garbage in District of Columbia; H. R. 7075—To widen Columbia avenue in District of Columbia; H. R. 7086—Reducing the price of electricity in District of Columbia; H. R. 7214-To provide protection for public school house buildings against fire; H. R. 7222—Creating the territory of Columbia and granting territorial government to the same; H. R. 7223—To regulate fares on street cars in District of Columbia; H. R. 7330-To amend charter of the Dis-trict of Columbia Suburban Railway Company; H. R. 7342—Incorporate the East Washington and Benning Railway Company; H. R. 7501—For the extension of M street northwest; H. R. 7504—To receive arrearages of taxes at 6 per cent in lieu of penalties and costs; H. R. 7569—Providing for changes of grades of streets in District of Columbia, H. R. 7651-For a municipal hospital for the District of Columbia; H. R. 7668-To transfer old records of the city of Washington from the custody of chief of engineers, United States army, to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia H. R. 7949-Granting permission to Batcheller Pneumatic Tube Company to lay a pneumatic tube from the government printing office to the Capitol; H. R. 8017-Authorizing condemnation of lands to make opening from Wisconsin avenue to corner of Grant row; H. R. 8200-To provide for removal of snow and ice from sidewalks in District of Columbia; H. R. 8289-Authorizing Commissioners to convey certain land to Lewis Tillman, trustee; H. R. 8305 land to Lewis Tillman, trustee; H. R. 8305— Creating a commission to condemn insani-tary buildings; H. J. Res. 164—Enlarging power of United States Postal Printing Telegraph Company; H. R. 8407— For the relief of owners of cer-tain property in Brookland, D. C.; H. R. 8488—To regulate wages of labor in the District of Columbia; H. R. 8587—To abolish the office of register of wills; H. B. abolish the office of register of wills; H. R. 8588-For the extension of 8th street northeast: H. R. 8628-To authorize the construction of a pneumatic tube system between the Capitol and government printing office; H. R. 8629-For the protection of surface pipes, etc., in the District of Columbia from danger by electrolysis; H. R. 8696—Prohibiting bone or fertilizing factories to be operated in the District of Columbia; H. R. 8730—For the relief of Kate Winter; H. R. 8693—For the widening and extending of Warder evenue. To appoint an advisory board of public works; S. 5203-To provide a list of fees

extending of Warder avenue, etc.; H. R. 8875-To incorporate the District Patrol and Alarm Company of the District of Columbia; H. R. 8924—To regulate electric wiring in the District of Columbia; H. R. 9053—To regulate gas works; S. 5349-To regulate the size, weight, equipment and speed of certain street cars; S. 5361—To appoint a memorial bridge commission; S. 5458—For the provide for the removal of overhead telerelief of holders and owners of certain District of Columbia special tax script; S. 5528

-For the relief of Thomas M. Steep; S. 5591—To amend the charter of the Mutual graph and telephone wires in the city of Washington and for the construction of conduits in the District of Columbia; H. R. 9056—To protect the city of Washington against freshets, etc.; H. R. 9130—Authorizing the President to appoint a railway commission for the District of Columbia; H. R. 9122-To regulate the sale of intoxcating liquors in the District of Columbia; H. R. 9148-To regulate the practice of veterinary medicine in the District of Columerinary medicine in the District of Columbia; H. R. 9152—For the extension of V street northwest; H. R. 9195—To provide for the appointment of a collector of fines in the District of Columbia; H. R. 9349—To establish a commission for the promotion of uniform laws in the District of Columof uniform laws in the District of Columbia; H. R. 9833, To prevent the unlawful placing of signs on private property in the District of Columbia; H. R. 9991—To acquire by condemnation land and water right

at the Great Falls of the Potomac; H. R. 10041—To regulate pay and hours of service of attendants at Government Hospital for Insane; H. R. 102:1—To regulate disposal of certain refuse in the District of Columbia; H. R. 10499—To gradually expent from tayation all improvements in empt from taxation all improvements in the District of Columbia; H. R. 10552—To diction a portion of the original District of Columbia which lies south of the Potomac river, etc.; H. R. 10554—To establish a representative form of government for the District of Columbia; H. R. 10592-To further protect the first day of the week as a day of rest in the District of Columbia; H. R. 10805-To regulate the practice of ho-meopathic pharmacy in the District of Co-lumbia; H. R. 10910-To vest the title to certain property in Leopold Luchs; H. R. 11018—To incorporate the Washington Cooling Company; H. R. 11076-To grant certain privileges to special policemen sta-tioned at street crossings in the District of Columbia; H. R. 11095—To cancel the sessment of water main taxes on Nichols avenue in the District of Columbia; H. 11143-To prevent overcrowding of R. 11143—To prevent overcrowding of street cars, etc.: Senate Res. 120—Author-izing certain permits for telephone and telegraph wires; H. R. 11179—To create a permanent commission for condemnation permanent commission for condemnation proceedings in the District of Columbia; H. R. 11541—To annul part of a subdivision of Schuetzen Park, D. C.; H. R. 11562—To confirm title to lots 3, 4 and 5, in square 979; H. R. 11593—To extend the lines of the Washington and Marlboro' Electric Railway Company; H. R. 11631—Requiring street railways in the District of Columbia to equip open cars with guard rails; H. R. 11692—Granting to the Ballston Railroad Company certain privileges within the District of Columbia; H. R. 11877—To incorporate the National Army Rellef Society; H. R. 11880—To amend the act for the protection of fish, etc., in the District of Columbia; H. R. 11907—To extend the line of the Metropolitan Railroad Company; H. R. 11969—To regulate the practice of barbering

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H. R. 12731—To establish a District of Columbia public improvement currency in lieu of interest-bearing bonds;
H. R. 12902—To appoint an advisory board of public works for the city of Washington. of public works for the city of Washington; H. R. 12903-To authorize a Baltimore and H. R. 12303—To authorize a Batchinote and Washington Transit Company to extend its line of street railway into the District of Columbia; H. R. 12970—To regulate sales in bulk in District of Columbia; H. R. 13074—To appoint a Memorial bridge commission for the District of Columbia; H. R. 13675—To regulate size weight, equipment and To regulate size, weight, equipment and speed of certain street cars in District of Columbia, etc.; H. R. 18105—Requiring the Metropolitan Railway Company to extend its 9th street line; H. R. 13256-To provide for construction of a filtration plant, etc., for the District of Columbia; H. R. 13257-To provide for the completion of sewage disposal in the District of Columbia; H. R. 13258—To provide for improvements of streets, etc., in the District of Columbia; H. R. 13259—To provide for bridging the Anacostia river, etc.; H. R. 13260—To provide for the construction of municipal buildings in the District of Columbia; H. R. 13261—To provide for the construction of a 13261—To provide for the construction of a sea wall, etc., around Potomac flats; H. R. 13262—To provide for grand union railway and shipping station in the District of Columbia; H. R. 13263—To provide for

sessment of real and personal property and regulating licenses in the District of Co-lumbia; H. R. 13733—For lighting suburban streets by railway companies occupying said streets in the District of Columbia; H. R. 13741—To punish frauds on keepers of hotels and inns in the District of Co-lumbia; H. R. 13799—To provide for the appointment of official stenographers for the District of Columbia Supreme Court; H. R. 13831—To protect employes of street railway companies, etc.; H. R. 13928—To amend act of Congress to regulate exemp-tions in the District of Columbia; H. R. 13931—To authorize certain municipal im-provements in the District of Columbia; H. R. 13991—To prevent victous and evilly H R. 13391—To prevent victous and evilly disposed persons from resorting to the District of Columbia for the purpose of committing crime; H. R. 14039—To grant right of way to Union Electric Construction Company in and through the District of Columbia; H. R. 14129—To require cases of typhoid fever occurring in the District of Columbia to be reported to the health department; H. Res. 415—Directing the Commissioners to report on religious books. missioners to report on religious books, etc., in use in the District of Columbia schools; H. R. 14290—To incorporate the Eastern Star Home for the District of Co-

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